

Patent
USA.286**REMARKS**

1. The Office Action objected to the disclosure language on page 12. Serial numbers and filing dates for co-pending applications were missing. This objection is respectfully reviewed.

Serial numbers and filing dates for the patent applications in question have been added in this response. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and respectfully requested.

2. Claims 1-8, 11, 13-15 and 42-44 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over claims 1-8 and 11-15 of co-pending Application No. 10/084,726. Claims 16-23, 26, 28-30 and 45-47 also were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over claims 1-8 and 11-15 of co-pending Application No. 10/084,726. Additionally claims 31-38, 40, 41 and 48-50 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over claims 1-8 and 11-15 of co-pending Application No. 10/084,726. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

A Terminal Disclaimer for the above claims in view of co-pending application USSN 10/084,726 is included in this response. Accordingly it is submitted that this places the claims in condition for allowance and early such allowance is requested. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are therefore respectfully requested.

3. A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status accompanies this response.

4. In summary, claims 1-8, 11, 13-23, 25-26, 28-38 and 40-50 remain in the application. The specification has been amended on page 12 to include co-pending patent application serial

Patent
USA.286

numbers and filing dates. Additional minor grammatical changes and spelling corrections have been made to the specification on pages 5, 11, 14 and 17. A terminal disclaimer accompanies this response.

Pursuant to currently recommended Patent Office practice, the Examiner is expressly authorized to call the Applicant's attorney collect at Valencia, California, if in his judgment disposition of this application could be expedited or if he considers the application not ready for examination or final disposition by other than allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

3D Systems, Inc.

Dated: February 27, 2004



Ralph D'Alessandro
Reg. No. 28,838
Attorney for Applicants

26081 Avenue Hall
Valencia, CA 91355
(661) 295-5600, ext. 2404